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On 28 December 1947, 15 Soviet tanks with Soviet soldiers were seen on the road near Karlovo proceeding towards the village of Rahmanli. The tanks were described as having five bogie wheels, two small driving cogs and one big gams on each side of the gun-turret was a cylindrically-shaped protuber-They were left at the village of Rahmanli, but the Soviet soldiers accompanying them disappeared at the beginning of January.

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- 2. About three kilometers west of Belogradchik and from 200 to 300 meters to the left of the road leading to Vidin there are military depots in the hills. During the first half of Docember, Russian trucks delivered ammunition to these depots.
- 3. There are also believed to be military depots in the village of Kaluger.
- On 20 December 1947 the large iron bridge on the Belogradchik Vidin road, about 20 kilometers from Belogradchik, was inspected by a Russian military technical commission and found to be in good condition.
- On 5 January 1945 a few Soviet soldiers were seen at Vratea, where there are also a number of Soviet civilians.
- 6. In the last week of December, there were still some Russian officers and men in Varna, and officers in Russian uniform were seen in the local Headquarters building.
- 7. In Ploydiv, towards the end of December, there were only a few Soviet officers, but many Russian civilians.
- 6. Russians in civilian clothes continue to arrive in the smaller Bulgarian toms, but in small groups. Many of the Russians who have remained in the country have married Bulgarian women.

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